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TAGS: EAIR, OCLR, UR

SUBJ: CIVAIR, FLIGHT CLEARANCE: DEERE AND CO.

REF: STATE 21468, MOSCOW 1217,

- 1. AFTER NOTIFICATION THAT FLIGHT HAD BEEN DISAPPROVED EMBASSY CONTACTED US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL (DEERE CHAIRMAN HEWITT IS MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS) AND COUNCIL IS SUPPOSED TO BE COORDINATING SCHEDULE, AND STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (HEWITT'S SOVIET HOSTS FOR IMPENDING VISIT), SUGGESTING THEY LOOK INTO SITUATION AND POINTING OUT DIFFICULTY FOR HEWITT TO COME TO MOSCOW UNLESS FLIGHT REQUEST APPROVED.
- 2. OUR INFORMATION IS THAT BOTH DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER ALKNIMOV AND STATE COMMITTEE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN GZISHIANI HAVE INTERVENED, BUT THAT "RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES" HAVE RELUCTANTLY DETERMINED DEERE' REQUEST CANNOT BE APPROVED FOR REASONS OF FLIGHT SAFTEY.
- 3. TRADE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT PEKSHEV, CURRENTLY IN MOSCOW, COMMENTED JANUARY 29 THAT PROBLEM IS NOT READINESS TO SEE HEWITT PARTY ARRIVE IN COMPANY PLANE BUT UNCERTAIN FLYING CONDITIONS AT THIS TIME OF WINTER TOGETHER WITH LIMITATION ON GROUND FACILITIES WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE AT SHEREMET'IEVO AIRPORT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, PETER KERR, WHO HAS REMAINED IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US, HAS NOT CREATED ANY DIFFICULTIES IN CONNECTION WITH CLEARANCE FOR HEWITT FLIGHT. FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY ENTERED PICTURE ONLY THROUGH HEWITT-ALKHIMOV ASSOCIATION IN TRADE COUNCIL. STOESSEL

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